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Monday afternoon Shawn Campbell showed off his skateboard skills at the Didsbury Skate Park. Campbell goes there often to practice and hang out with his friends.

-photo by Tamara Collins

Didsbury landfill to expand

by Tamara Collins

The time has come for the Didsbury landfill to be expanded due to the amount of trash that continues to fill it.

The Mountain View Regional Waste Commission (MVRWC) is waiting for the Provincial budget to be announced to know for sure if they will receive a half-a-million-dollars for the expansion.

When the Didsbury landfill was built last year, it was known that another phase would have to be built in the near future. According to Neil Kivell, the Commission's CAO this was ex-

pected.

"That is normal progression. We are pretty much on schedule," Kivell said. "It's the normal planning, it's not urgent."

The landfill site is a dumping ground for the Mountain View County (MVC). The Didsbury landfill's first phase included the initial set-up, road construction, and the construction of a small cell. Phase one was paid for using a grant from Alberta Environment, which Kivell says will be the case in the second phase of the landfill site.

"The Didsbury landfill is essential being built on Al-

berta Environment grants," said Kivell.

Phase two of the landfill is estimated to cost \$500,000, and is hoped to support the growth of the MVC.

"The next one (phase) is a much larger cell that will last a couple of years. We take it (garbage) to this site. Anything from the County (comes to Didsbury), and we pick up County wide," said Kivell.

Phase three is expected to take place in 2008.

Prior to the Didsbury landfill site opening last year, the majority of trash was being hauled to the City of Calgary's Spy Hill loca-

tion. Hauling garbage that far of course costs money, due to wages and the amount of fuel which was being used.

With the Didsbury landfill now serving the entire County, tipping fees for municipality have been able to be reduced from \$67 per tonne to \$50, which is a substantial savings for many communities.

The date for the start of construction isn't known Kivell says. But, says he is hopeful the money is put in place this budget year so construction can start in the near future.

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NEWS

School board to face toughest budget year, yet

Energy costs to put school division \$900,000 in the hole by August

by Shawne Mohl

The Board of trustees of Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) has some tough choices to make in the coming months, as they need to find as many areas as they can to hack the budget so they can pass a balanced budget by June.

With hardly any reserves left to fall back onto, energy costs which continue to soar through the roof and limited funding coming from the government - CESD are expecting to face their tightest budget year, yet.

For the past two years CESD have pulled over \$4 million out of central office reserves in an effort to pass a balanced budget, while still trying to maintain current services available to students.

At the beginning of the 2004/2005 school year CESD had nearly \$2.7 million in reserves. Of that nearly \$2.7 million only about \$700,000 was held by central office with the remaining \$2 million being held by the various different schools within the school division.

Reserves by the end of August are expected to reduce to \$1.8 million, of which only \$300,000 of that will be held centrally by the school board with the remaining \$1.5 million being held by schools.

Over the past few years CESD has seen an accumulated deficit in their operations and

maintenance (O&M) budget, which by the end of August is expected to see the school board nearly \$1 million in the hole.

"The Plant O&M budget is projected to have an accumulated deficit of almost \$900,000 by August 2005," explained CESD Treasurer Susan Roy.

"Without a significant increase in funding, the division will be faced with a decision - either further deficits in this budget, or a significant reduction in services."

CESD has been trying to do everything possible to save money in terms of energy, such as starting up a division wide energy saving program, where classrooms that are not in use have their lights turned off, new schools are being built with 'green' technology - such as using more natural light, and turning down the heat in the evening and weekend when students are not in classrooms.

CESD Board Chairman, Roy Brassard, says that administrators are trying to do everything possible to reduce costs, especially in the O&M side of things.

"We just need to cut back in every area that we can," Brassard said. "We have already tried in our schools to make sure lights are turned off and thermostats are turned down."

CESD will also be entering into an energy contract starting in January with BP Energy, where they are expected to see a reduction of between 3.5 cents and 4 cents per kilowatt hour.

"We expect our electricity costs to decline by about \$250,000 per year starting in January 2006. However, this won't be enough savings to balance the O&M budget," Roy added.

Since it's illegal for a school board to pass a budget with a deficit, the school board is required by law to pass a balanced budget - which Roy says will require the shifting of funds to offset the \$900,000 deficit in the O&M budget.

"While the Plant O&M department will have a deficit of almost \$900,000, the division will still have an accumulated surplus. The deficit in O&M is

offset by surpluses in schools and in transportation," Roy explained.

Roy added that if there isn't an increase in funding from Alberta Infrastructure - who fund the O&M budget - the remaining central office reserves will most likely have to be used.

"The portion of our reserves not committed to any school or department - \$687,000, may need to be used to cover the deficit in Plant Operations and Maintenance, if this department is not appropriately funded by Alberta Infrastructure," Roy said.

With CESD being one of the largest rural school divisions they have difficulties in terms of providing programs to their high school students, besides the core subjects. "Our high school class sizes are small we have 11 high schools providing programs for 2,338 grade 10-12 students. Just

providing basic programs to these student's results in class sizes that are well below the Learning Commission guidelines," Roy said.

The Learning Commission's guideline is to have an average of 27-28 high school students per class. In CESD the average number of students per high school class is 20.9.

Having smaller class sizes in high schools pose a problem, explained CESD Superintendent Jim Gibbons.

Gibbons says that at times it is difficult to offer different programs - above the regular curriculum, to high school students with such small populations in their schools.

In a meeting a few weeks ago between CESD officials and the Minister of Education, Gibbons says they explained to the Minister the difficulty CESD has in offering their students different high school programs.

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"Health care costs paralyzing Province", Oberg says

by Shawne Mohl

In twelve years time, if the Province continues increasing their health care costs in Alberta at the pace that they are - Albertans will be shovelling out close to \$25 billion to support it.

This number alarms Alberta's Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, saying that it's the health care system, which is paralyzing other departments - like his own.

"The things I have seen in health care in the last 12 years are truly scary. I am not talking about quality. Your doctor today is as good as your doctor was 20 years ago, probably some of the highest class doctors in the world. We have some of the best health facilities in the world, but, our access to that can be limited. Oberg said. "When I was first elected in 1993 to government we were spending about \$3.3 billion a year on health care. We are now up close to \$10 billion - and that is (only) in a period of 12 years, and, that is fine because we have the money to do that. However add on another 12 years, and if it continues at those rates we are going to be up close to \$23 to \$25 billion dollars. But, the amount of money we have to take in is only about \$25 billion dollars."

Oberg was the featured guest speaker at Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz's annual general meeting this past Saturday, April 2 at the Olds Legion.

Oberg spoke of the health care system and what needs to be done, before turning over and speaking about the very expensive infrastructure and transportation system, Alberta also faces.

Oberg says that Albertans need to sit down and figure out what they can do to change the way the health care system is currently run.

"We have to decide now and in the next while - what are we going to do?" Oberg said. "I think these are some of the questions and dilemmas we have to have discussion on, otherwise health care is going to demise the lifestyle that we have. And, I believe that there are no ifs, ands, buts, or maybes - it's going to occur. Either 'A' we are going to have to pay more taxes or 'B' we are going to have to do something else."

Oberg gave the scenario of a 70-year-old man who loves to golf each day, and is casually enjoying his retirement. The man comes up to the 18th hole of the golf course and has an ache in his hip, which is repairable by surgery in a hospital.

Oberg posed the question to the audience at Saturday's AGM: "Should a man who has been paying income tax his entire life, have that service paid for? Or, should we be charging him for that service?"

Despite, not knowing the answer to that problem, himself, Oberg says that things need to change because Alberta



photo by Shawne Mohl

Alberta's Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation Lyle Oberg speaks to a crowd at the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills PC Association AGM, this past Saturday, April 2. Oberg explained how the Province's huge health care costs are hurting all departments, like his own.

can't afford to have their health care costs climb by eight to 10 per cent each and every year.

"We have to change how we do things. We have to change how we do health care," Oberg said. "Health care is putting a big limit on what I do right now."

Alberta, now being debt free as of March 31, when the debt was officially paid off, spends more money than any other Province in Canada - even though we are only the fourth largest.

"We are in a position where we spend more money than any other Province on a Per Capita basis," Oberg explained.

Because of the high costs of health care, Oberg says that it impacts the amount of money that all of the other departments get, such as his own - Infrastructure and Transportation.

"It all comes down to money. Sure, with oil at \$57 for every barrel of oil, we have a lot of money - but I point back to what I said earlier - health care is eating up a lot of the dollars."

"There is more infrastructure and transportation needs in the Province currently, than there are the dollars for," Oberg said.

One of the biggest issues, which would cost \$2 to \$3 billion on its own, is the transportation needs of the City of Fort McMurray.

Right now in Fort McMurray there are over \$170 billion worth of projects and companies on the go. In the next three to four years, Alberta is estimating that another 30,000 workers are going to be needed up there.

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"The issue, quite simply, is that the limiting factor on growth in Fort McMurray is the transportation system. It's how do you get people up there? What do you do?" Oberg said.

Oberg says that the Province has set out an agenda to build sufficient roads up in Fort McMurray over the next decade, a time table which Oberg says isn't sufficient.

"(It's impossible to wait that long...) we can't do it over 10 years. It has to be done considerably sooner."

Oberg says, that poses a problem. When one part of the Province generates so much money into Alberta's economy, the Province still can't just turn their back and forget about the failing infrastructure problems down south, such as in the local Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding.

"How do we take \$3 billion that should go to Fort McMurray because it's a revenue generator, and, say we are just going to build roads up here. But, down here in southern Alberta - with roads that haven't been built in 10 years you aren't going to get your roads done. We can't. What are we going to do? So, that is the dilemma that I am in. However, there are always solutions," Oberg said.

And, one of the solutions which Oberg supports is P3s (public-private-partnerships). And, in fact the Province has already signed into a contract for the next 30 years to expand a highway from Edmonton west.

The Province signed into a contract to construct the

Anthony Hendy highway, which if it would have been paid for in one chunk would have cost close to \$500 million dollars.

The project has allowed 121 lanes of highway to be constructed and the project included building 25 bridges, which can cost an arm and a leg all on their own.

"We did a design, build, finance, and operating contract and for that we are paying \$23 million for the next 30 years. Most importantly we have taken all the risk side out of the upside of prices, because it's a fixed contract. We have a 30 year warranty on that road," Oberg said.

Oberg says that if that project would have been paid for in one chunk, it would have limited his department's budget for the next two years.

"We probably would have had to put a lot of projects on hold for at least the next two years, if we wouldn't have done a P3," Oberg explained.

"The point that I am leading to is that it's costing us \$23 million a year. I think we have to make some serious decisions in Alberta when it comes to infrastructure and transportation about going out and borrowing some money and paying it off over a period of time."

"It is completely different than running a deficit, it's completely different than the kind of debt we were in. The kind of debt we were in was operating, which meant you borrowed a billion dollars and you used it that year and then you had nothing to show for it," he said. "We have to start

getting some of these roads, some of these building so that they are in a position to be used by us."

One of the local projects which Oberg says this type of funding may be used on is the Olds Community Campus, where plans are to build a high school on Olds College property and share the services to give students an advanced high school education.

Oberg says now that Alberta is debt-free they need to sit down and make a long term plan that is going to benefit Albertans for generations to come.

He says they can't just blow the money, because they have it. They need to invest it smartly, so it can give them some kind of return in the future.

"We are at a point where we have to decide what direction we want to go."

We can't just be kind of floating in never-never land. We are now debt free and now we have to see how we can start re-investing. What do we want to invest in? How do we want to re-invent ourselves as a party?" Oberg said.

Oberg encouraged all Albertans to talk to their local MLA's if they have ideas about how Alberta can invest for the future. "Now, we have to make choices. How do we want to ensure that your kids, and their kids, and my kids have a great future?" Oberg said.

Following Oberg speaking the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills PC Association held their AGM, which was closed to non-members, such as the media who don't hold memberships in the party.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Get involved



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

During the school year children are so busy with school, there is little time for boredom. During breaks, such as this past Easter break for many students, the boredom sets in if a child is not involved in other things.

It is important for children to become active at a young age, but what they become active in should be their choice. Maybe they want to play a sport, or all the sports, or maybe they want to dance, or play the guitar. There are so many things for them to do. These activities will help create value, confidence and self-esteem in your

child. It will give them a chance to meet new, different friends and learn different things. I believe if children were all more involved in positive activities they would be involved less in things like bullying and crime.

I played on a girls' fastball team for twelve years and those years are so many of my best memories. The girls on my team became my best friends, and we would be so sad when the season ended.

Now is when a lot of sports are starting for the spring and summer, so what better time to get your child involved in something with lasting benefits, and get them out of your hair for awhile.

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Decisions - Decisions!"

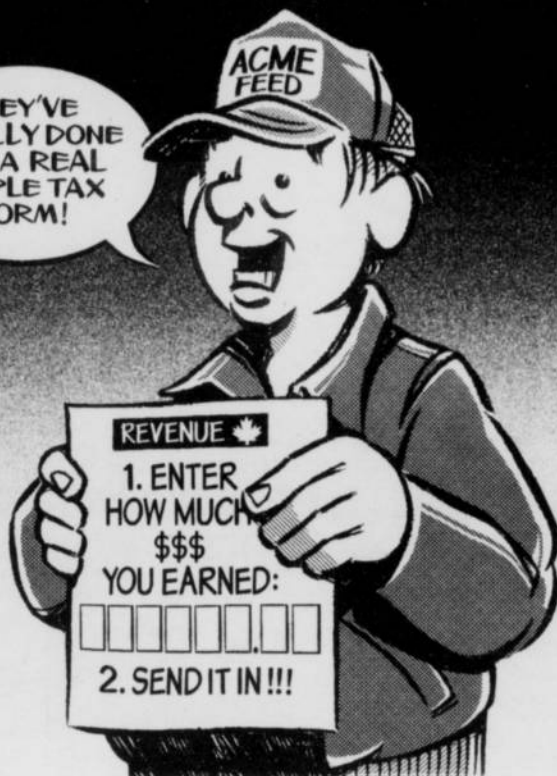
Recently our grandson, age 2 1/2 had to make a major decision for his young years. He is an active and keen little boy and still finds consolation in sucking his thumb.

One evening when my daughter was putting her young son to bed, he wanted his mommy to lie down with him. Her response to his request was "well honey if you want me to lie down with you, you can't suck your thumb." There was complete silence for several moments, then the youngster had made up his mind. "Goodbye Mommy."

From time to time we all have decisions to make - some major and some less urgent or important, but still require much thought and wisdom. Our decisions, whatever they may be carry a consequence. The decisions we have to make are not always easy.

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE

New funding for school curriculum recognizes Alberta's Centennial

An additional \$12.8 million in new monies will be allocated to Alberta's Grades 1 to 12 classrooms to purchase textbooks and other classroom resources for the current and upcoming school years. The new funding will, in particular, support the implementation of a new social studies curriculum to begin in September 2005, a timely recognition of Alberta's Centennial year.

The \$12.8 million investment will help assist teachers with classroom learning objectives and give school administrators flexibility as they prepare for the introduction of the new school curriculum.

The funds will be distributed on a per-student basis, with all school boards and charter schools receiving funds with their March grant payments. Providing the funds on a per-student basis is in keeping with the flexibility of the new funding framework and allows for the best use of the new resource and textbook

funds. Accredited and funded private schools in the province will also receive their share of this funding.

The updated Social Studies program will include a greater focus on Canadian and Alberta history and focus on the core concepts of citizenship and identity. The new program will ensure that students are well informed about their province and country, and will help them to better understand the challenges of a complex world. The government hopes the program will help provide opportunities for students to look at ideas, events and issues from multiple perspectives or multiple points of view, including Francophone and Aboriginal. The new curriculum will be gradually introduced throughout Grades 1 to 12, with a completion date of September 2009.

The new funding brings the total support for textbooks and other classroom resources to almost \$33 million in the last two years, including the \$20 million provided to school ju-

risdictions in 2003-04. This is the first major revision of the current K-12 Social Studies curriculum in over 20 years.

Changes to the Insurance Act designed to better protect consumers

Fulfilling commitments made as part of automobile insurance reforms are the driving force behind the *Insurance Amendment Act, 2005*. Bill 34 was introduced March 21 by Peace River MLA, Frank Oberle.

One of the amendments would see public insurers given access to sell auto insurance in Alberta. With this in mind, the government is following through on a commitment made last summer to allow BC's ICBC, Saskatchewan's SGI Insurance and Manitoba's Public Insurance to enter the province's competitive insurance market. The proposed change also means these companies must follow the same regulations as private insurers.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Stephen Harper's reaction

Dear Editor,

Stephen Harper's reaction to the selection of two Progressive Conservative women for the Senate is in one sense expected but in another surprising.

As an anti-federalist who supports the idea that Senators should be elected by provincial governments, Harper's outrage is not surprising. It is not surprising that he would find the selection of women, especially, women with concerns about the environment, human rights, the poor, and women's rights, as "insulting." These are not issues that are of central concern to the new Conservatives.

What is surprising is that Harper has finally acknowledged the virtual elimination of Progressive Conservative values from the new Conservative Party. Harper's response to the women's decision to sit as Progressive Conservatives was to characterize that party name as: "usually a euphemism now for people who support the Liberal Party federally." Progressive Conservatives, if there are still some in the party, are obviously such as fringe element that they

are invisible to the professional wing of the party.

Many non-right-wing, moderate conservatives, saw the merger as a strategy meant to destroy their influence in Canadian politics. Harper's assumption that this group is now firmly entrenched in the Liberal Party federally may be wishful thinking.

With over 800,000 fewer votes for the new Conservative Party in the last election it is clear that many former Progressive Conservative voters temporarily parked their votes with the Liberals and other parties.

The temporary nature of that decision is illustrated by the gradual movement of Progressive Conservatives to the Progressive Canadian Party, a registered federal party ready to promote traditional conservative values of a strong federal government, a wariness of American intentions (apparently not shared by Liberals or Conservatives), fiscal conservatism, social order, and devotion to the common good of all Canadians.

Phyllis Wagg,
Ph. D. History

What I like about Didsbury

Dear editor:

I like Didsbury because:

The people are friendly. On the streets they say "hello", also wave when passing in their vehicles.

The streets are less busy with traffic, than in the cities. During the evenings and Sundays they are noticeably quiet.

The quieter streets and parks, especially on Sundays, are pleasant places for folk to walk and play, even with their families. They enjoy being together and having opportunities, while doing so, to meet and visit briefly with neighbors and friends who are out doing the same things. Among them some of our merchants, also, some of their employees are seen. Being free from their business responsibilities on Sundays allows them to be out with others doing as they choose, be it going to church or to visit friends, or to sports or whatever. The result generally is that of being re-

freshed and renewed physically and emotionally, for the duties of work and school, during the up-coming week.

Many cities and towns now are extremely busy and noisy, with traffic and shopping during weekends. The store owners and businesses may be making material gains. However, I wonder if they are truly gaining, when all costs are considered? Even if they are, is it worth

the forfeiture of the values of spending some time on weekends with family members, and others, in worship, rest and renewal for the up-coming week?

I like Didsbury because of the good values being upheld in our town. I sincerely hope we will continue to consider them to be of great importance and worth to us.

Yours sincerely,
N. Willard Swalm

Thinking

Dear Editor:

"If you learn nothing else this year, learn to think", taught my Grade 10 Social Studies teacher. The freedom to think and have individual thought respected is a privilege in a democratic society, whether or not that thought fits within the minority or majority on any given issue. Democracy, however, not only respects individual thought, it also respects the democratic will of the majority of the people.

A classroom of Harvard students can hide smiles behind their hands when Premier Klein teaches them that the Greek meaning of the word "politics" is "people", when, really it is the word "democracy" that means "people", but the harsh irony is that Premier Klein and his Tory government do not care to govern Alberta democratically.

As one example, the majority of the people in Alberta want this government to re-instate the definition of "marriage" in our "Marriage Act" to mean as between one man and one woman. This government is looking for every excuse not to do it, with the most feeble excuse being that it "can't" because the Supreme Court of Canada said that only the federal government can define marriage.

It is perplexing that Tory legal experts appear unable to interpret the definition section of an Act. A definition section starts with the words "In this Act", not "In all of Canada", or even "In all of Alberta". Alberta's "Marriage Act" deals with licensing and solemnization of marriage in Alberta, and so defining marriage in that context fits squarely within Alberta's jurisdiction.

Marilyn Burns, LLB

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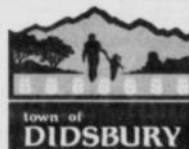
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TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, M April 19 & May 10, 2005 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, April 13 & May 4 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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• DP 19-05	1520 21 Avenue	Decks & Garage	R2
• DP 21-05	710 - 23 Street	Addition with waiver	R2
• DP 24-05	28 Meadowview Court	Single Family Dwelling	R2

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Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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"We wanted to point out to the Minister that we need some more help in those areas. Red Deer public has two high schools and we have 11. We just don't have the economy or the scale. We are asking that the funding formula reflect that," Gibbons explained.

Another challenge which CESD is going to experience in the coming weeks when they sit down to discuss the budget is the Alberta Government's desire to implement second languages into schools.

The government plans to introduce a variety of second languages into schools ranging from Spanish to Japanese to Mandarin to of course French.

Gibbons says the problem with this is students who transfer into the division. Some students may have taken Japanese but if the CESD school this student attends only offers Spanish what is this student to do.

"We tried to explain to the Minister that somethings were coming at us a little too fast, such as the second-language implementation. It's fine to implement a second language like French or Spanish, but when you get a student transferring to our school where they have been studying Mandarin for four years, how do we accommodate that?" Gibbons said.

With the introduction of SuperNet in the Province, there are plans to teach students in smaller schools through the use of video conferencing.

However, Gibbons says that the Province needs to time the introduction of certain programs with the speed that technology is going.

SuperNet has not yet been introduced in most CESD schools.

Carstairs-Cremona-Midway Trustee for CESD Gord Johnson says he is committed to looking at cutting from the education side as the very last resort.

"There are nine of us on the Board. I am one. I am not willing to start cutting at instruction," Johnson said, at a Report to the Community meeting last month.

Johnson isn't sure what the Board is going to be able to cut from their \$82 million budget, but says it's going to be a very complex and stressful job to undertake for him and the other Board members.

"What it means is that we are going to have to make some very, very tough decisions very, very soon. But in a division where, 'Student's Come First,' you can't just start whacking the budget wherever," Johnson added.

"The very, very last thing we look at is education. We want to keep the level of service where it currently is."

A transportation report gives the Board ideas on where they could possibly cut routes or combine routes in an effort to save money.

"We need to look at transportation and say, do we have routes we can combine or cut?" Johnson said.

As soon as the Provincial budget is announced next month, Roy says that herself and other administrators will work on putting together a draft budget to present to the Board.

"CESD is currently reviewing goals and objectives and setting priorities for 2005/2006. We are also faced with a number of changes and initiatives from Alberta Education. Changes in curriculum, such as social stud-

ies, and initiatives such as Daily Physical Activity and increased Second Languages, will also be part of the planning processes," she said.

Brassard says that his Board needs to sit down and figure out what their top priorities are, and if cuts are needed start at the bottom and start making cuts until the budget is balanced.

"We have very little reserve on hand and although we haven't finalized our budget by any means, it's going to be very tight," Brassard said. "It comes down to priorities. The bulk of our money goes directly to wages. What we can control is the other expenditures."



Curves Food Drive

From March 7 to the 19, anyone who wanted to join Curves could donate food instead, for the Mountain View County Food Bank, and the \$200 fee to join was waived. Curves raised 1200 lbs of food from Didsbury alone.



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Neighborhood

The Bergthal Mennonites and the arts

by Tamara Collins

The Bergthal and Community Art Show is less than a week away and this Show is jam packed with everything from art, music, and refreshments, but it is also a celebration of how far the Mennonite Community and the arts have come.

"At the outset of this show we want to place Bergthal's art endeavours into a historic perspective," said Henry Goerzen, whose paintings will be featured at the Show. "Art has come and gone in and out of the Mennonite worlds from time to time because of religious and cultural pressures. At the present time it has shifted almost into the secular domain."

Goerzen's show will feature a 50-year retrospective of Painting, and the Show will also feature a Vernissage by Donald Stoesz, along with paintings by Irene Goerzen-Crosland and Susan Isaac, cartoon caricatures by Dave Epp, petit point by Kathy Peters, quilt by Lorelei Loewen, music by the Browns and Goerzen sisters, and other works of art by the Bergthal "Group of Seven".

"At first I was going to feature just my work at the show," said Goerzen. "People have been after me to have my own show for awhile, I am in my mid-seventies, so I decided to have one."

Stoesz approached Goerzen about putting on a show together, and Goerzen agreed. Goerzen is very excited about the show and what it means for the Mennonite Community.

"Emerging from the Reformation in the 1520's, while the tenants of the faith were being articulated, the Mennonite preoccupation with the arts may have hung in limbo," said Goerzen. "The articles of faith emphasized that all of life should be directed by the Word of God and there was a catch. You shall not create images of God and of the things He created, was the

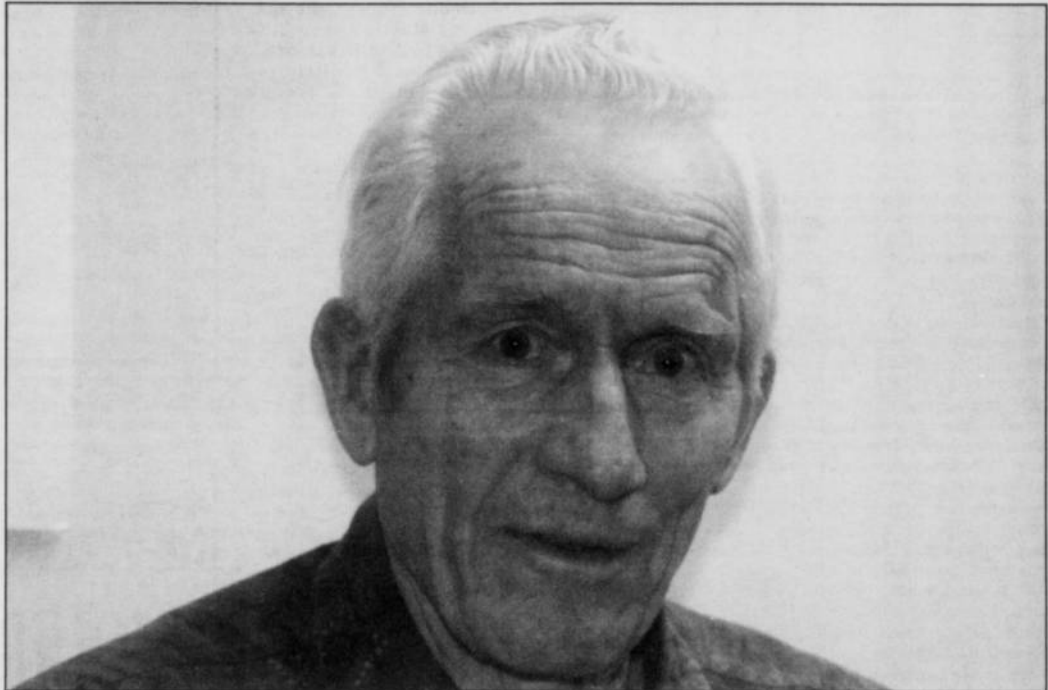


photo by Tamara Collins

Henry Goerzen has a lot to do with the Bergthal Mennonite community taking on the arts.

understanding. In much of the closed Mennonite communities that followed the Reformation most all of life's activities were directed by the clan leader, the Bishop. In that way religion also held sway over the cultural entries including the arts. It appears the world was not always a friendly place to be."

It was in the 1920's that two religious forces converged upon Bergthal here in Didsbury, one being the Moody Bible Institute and the Grace Bible Institutes fundamentalism coming through the Prairie Bible Institute and the Mountain View Bible Institute.

"A well known pioneer of the area left me with a riddle a few years back before his passing," said Goerzen. "He was a Russlaender and the girl he would marry was of the conservative folk here in Didsbury. The day of his wedding went well, each had their outside garb conforming with their church tradition. It was plain and there

were no distracting features like lace to be seen. However, while unwrapping his model new wife in the late evening he found she had an abundance of lace in her undergarments. This farmer wondered if I could solve the problem of sin in that case."

In the late 1950's Goerzen approached the Bergthal Church Committee about putting up a mural painting in the front of the church to add to the effect of the Christmas story.

The first answer he got was a clear no, because it did not fit tradition and it did not feel right to make images of the biblical text.

"I have forgotten some of the details but there must have been some reference to the etched pictures used in the regular Sunday School lesson book that artist will have worked hard and long at," said Goerzen.

"In the end Rev. Pauls, a most respected Bible School teacher concluded that we could but that we should be careful. Elsie Archer did the

first mural and others including myself have continued a long tradition of a mural for Christmas."

In the mid 1960's Goerzen was doodling a lot on church bulletins, but it seemed to him that art was going in the wrong direction for another reason.

"The Pastor Werner Froese wondered whether any of his sermons were getting to me while I had a pencil in my hand. He came down from the podium one time after the service and with out any prelude stated he was very distracted at times wondering what I was fashioning," said Goerzen.

"I think it is nice to have commas in sentences and I think there must have been some break where the good Lord gave me time to get hold of myself and respond with "The better our sermons the better my pictures."

Soon after they we were sitting together in a circle in a Bible study and prayer meeting, and Goerzen was at

it again.

"In my Bible was a white scrap paper about 2 by 5 and I drew a candle and a Bible and a set of glasses on a pedestal. Again he drew me up short but this time requested I do something like that for the church's year book cover," said Goerzen.

"So following the 1960's art was used extensively and brought morning worship services, book covers for the church, relief agency and the Conferences and in the Community."

Goerzen also said he understands the church leaders in the past were doing their very best with the mind tools they had.

"There will be no Van Goghs at this art show," said Goerzen. "But it will be a good day, so everyone should come and check it out."

The Art Show will take place on April 9th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bergthal Mennonite Church.



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At The Kitchen Table

by Noreen Olson

From Grades one to nine, sometimes alone, sometimes with a sibling or two, I rode horseback to Ferrybank, a country school west of Ponoka.

Add Vacation Bible School and a few sport and social functions and we have about three thousand five hundred trips to and from the school.

There had to have been hundreds of ordinary routine days in there but in my memory every trip was an event and my horse and I were part of an ongoing grand adventure. There was so much to see, so many changes to watch for, every day brought new sights, sounds, smells and even dangers, some real, some imaginary.

Part of our regular route to school was a mile of barely navigable, ungraded road allowance. We called this the school section road and it was perfect for horse travel, a narrow dirt road bordered with buck brush and pussy willows. In places big poplar trees met overhead making lovely cool shady spots and there were places where sloughs touched the roadside making nice big puddles that had to be skirted or waded depending upon the season. A flock of ducks taking off from the slough or a partridge exploding from a thicket could startle a school pony enough to unseat a kid and when I was quite small I had a horse that would plod sedately on the straightaway and then race madly around corners so that I fell off at least once a day.

In winter the road would sometimes drift in so badly that our one horse trail would plug up and we would have to go around by the main road.

This was fun in that we had the companionship of other kids but our horses were unused to competition and were inclined to insist on leading the pack. This occasionally led to fights and runaways so as soon as our road was open we went back to our usual route.

In road there would be a few weeks of marvelous runoff when the ride to school included fording small swift streams, cracking through ice in the shallow sloughs, stopping at the gravel pit to explore the lovely big pools of water, watching water boil through the culverts and often coming home soaked to the skin and with boots full of water. This was the time to make a trip to the Ferrybank Canyon where the most daring among us crossed the canyon inching along on a big fallen tree while torrents of icy water foamed beneath our feet and huge spring snowflakes drifted passed our faces.

As Spring progressed and green returned to our little world we watched new leaves form on the black birch, balm trees and quivering aspen. I still find the smell of new leaves and spring rain utterly intoxicating. By this time we had finished taking Mom bunches of pussy willows and were starting to collect buttercups and violets. While our horse cropped new green grass at the roadside we climbed through barbed wire fences and scouted for flowers. Getting back on your horse without ruining your bouquet was a challenge and sometimes the buttercups, buffalo beans or roses were a bit bedraggled by the time we got home but Mom thanked us anyway and revived them with water.

At this time of year when I see water flowing through culverts and creeks starting to run I become very nostalgic for the school section road. By now it has probably been graded and graveled and become a thoroughfare but in my memory it's still an oasis of peace and calm and so cool and quiet that I hear a meadowlark in the distance and robins staking out nest sites. I hear the sounds of my pony's hoof beats on the dirt road and water rushing through a culvert and into a creek. I can smell green grass and new leaves, feel sun on my face and my horse moving beneath me.

I'm probably late for school. I don't seem to be too worried about it.

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by Noreen Olson

AROUND THE CIRCLE

The Didsbury Lions Club Annual Auction this month

by Marge St. Clair

Thurs. April 7

Happy Birthday to all seniors of the town and district when they meet today from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Enjoy the cake and music.

Sun. April 10

All are welcome to the Carstairs Church of God for a concert featuring D'Mitry Nesterov, pianist, violinist Olga Kotova and pianists Katharine Lee and Alexander Malikov at 7:00 p.m. The young people have a number of national competitions to their credit.

Mon. April 11

Pre-registration for the Didsbury Gymnastics Club is being held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Ross Ford School Gym. Open to children of all ages. All info from Gail Nowlan at 335-3863. Also on Mon. April 18th.

Monday April 11

Registration for Midway School E.C.S. is being held at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your child's Health Care No. and Birth Certificate. Phone the school 335-2888 for more

details.

Tues. April 12

Please reserve your seats for the Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym by phoning Vicki 335-3500 or Margie at 335-3765.

Please remember to honor, cancel or give you reservation to a friend. Free baby sitting is supplied by the club.

Wed. April 13

All are welcome to the pot luck dinner at the 5-0 Club at 12:30 p.m. The meat is supplied, so please compliment it with your favorite veggies, salad or dessert and enjoy!

Wed. April 13

There will be an information and registration meeting tonight at Ross Ford E.C.S. at 7:00 p.m. More info at 335-3234.

Fri. April 15

Please remember to have your money in to Bea at 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 today if you plan to go to the Thoroughbred races in Calgary on May 18th.

Sat. April 16

The Didsbury Lions Club Annual Auction will be held in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex from 12 noon until all items are sold. Chris at 335-2888 or Rob at 335-9103 will gladly pick up items you wish to donate. Pilgrim Auction will conduct the sale, and you can enjoy a light lunch while looking and bidding. All money raised is put back into community projects.

Tues. April 19

This is the day of the Community Bus Trip to the Legislature Buildings in Edmonton leaving the Complex at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is supplied, supper will be in Red Deer (your cost). Phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 to reserve your seat. And there is a Mystery Trip coming up!!

Thurs. April 28

Circle this date on your calendar. All floor curlers, carpet bowlers are invited to attend the annual meeting and pot luck supper at the 5-0 Club at 5:30 p.m.

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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Our visit to the Share guesthouse in Prague

Dear Family and friends,

Since we were staying at the Share guesthouse in Prague, each morning I had to take the tram and the bus to the hotel where most of the people attending the conference were staying. It snowed every night so getting out into the cold to catch the tram was bracing. There were special buses at the hotel to take us to the International School where the conference was being held. The International School looked to be less than 10 years old. It was a beautiful building, modern, light, with lots of space. I was only a bit envious. Each of the classrooms that I was in had TVs, VCRs, DVD players, and computer connections for projecting onto a screen. The library is large, lots of open space, lots of computers, bright colors and new books. One other librarian at the conference made the comment that it seemed liked all of the books were brand new, never used. I am sure they were used but I did not see any old, old books like we have at Hillcrest.

There were librarians from all over the world at the conference. Most were from Europe but there were several from Africa, the Middle East, North America and Asia. There were four well-known children's authors who gave seminars and sold and autographed their books. We spent two and a half days going to various seminars, meeting other librarians and talking with the different vendors and booksellers. I enjoyed the challenge, learned a lot and got to meet some nice people.

After three days like that I always feel like I have information overload. We hear so much but don't really have time to process it before we go on to another seminar and get more information.

I am still sorting through what I learned, to see how I could use it at Hillcrest.

By Saturday both Janet and I had bad colds. Janet didn't go to the conference banquet at the Marriott because she was feeling poorly. We packed things up so that we would be ready to leave the next day. Janet attended the conference sessions Sunday morning while Dan went to church and met the DoYLES, who were attending a different conference in Prague. Sunday afternoon we were given a ride to the airport. We left Prague with a temperature of 0 C and arrived the next morning in Abuja at 5:30 with the temperature +28 C—another shock to the system!! The

driver met us at the airport and we went into Abuja to drop him and buy fuel.

By 9:30 we were back safe and sound in Jos. We really thank God for safety in all of our travels.

We came back feeling confident that the anticipated move to Hungary is definitely what God wants for us next.

It continues to be hot and dry here. One evening, after 7:00 p.m., it was still over 90 degrees F. in the house and only cooled off to about 80 degrees by bedtime. It has made it difficult to sleep some nights. A cold shower just before bed and the fan really helped to make it tolerable.

Janet is very busy in the library putting things on line. Dan is busy selling things. Please continue to pray for us, that we will finish strong and well.

Sincerely,
Dan & Janet Snyder

Prairie Partners Update

by Taylor Laut

When you think of Easter break you imagine rest, relaxation and Easter bunnies...but not in our club. We've been very busy. Horse members participated in four ridings and a Muffy Knox Clinic over the break. Beef members had their Mock Show March 30. A little early, but it's nice to have it done. The show went well with minimal bruising.

On March 6th we had our Multi-Judging Clinic at the Rasmussen's and judged numerous animals. We especially

enjoyed Kagen and Travis's market cats. We would like to thank Clint Aarsby, Stacey Hannah, Jonathan Dowell, Rod Hannah and Amanda Engel for their time, effort and knowledge to help prepare the club for Mountain View Multi-Judging at Olds on the 10th of April.

Another hectic month is ahead with the District Horse Show May 14, Heifer Show May 21 and Carstairs Steer Show and Sale May 25 at the Carstairs Arena. Come and see Alberta Beef at it's best.

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Didsbury Lions Club

Did you ever wonder how and where Lionism began and who started the ball rolling?

Where it all began - An Insurance man, Melvin Jones by name was a member of a business club in Chicago, Ill. in the early 1900's. The club was dedicated to the furtherance of business concerns and Melvin was an active member. It occurred to him that the horizons of the club could be expanded to include the betterment of the community and not just for business purposes. The idea went further, why could this not be worldwide? The idea caught on and the 12 men in the original group held an organizational, meeting on June 7, 1917. Later on that year they called for a convention to be held in Dallas Texas. By the time of the convention there were 22 clubs in existence. The ideals of the club began to form at the convention. An important one was then formed that no member should use the club to promote his business or turn a profit. It is still a rule today. From the beginning there is now a membership of about 1.4 million in 193 countries around the world.

Have you ever admired a ship in a bottle? Within the Lions International bottle there are several ships. One of these is the LCIF. LCIF stands for Lions Clubs International Foundation. It began in 1968 as a benevolent arm of Lionism to function on a worldwide footing wherever great need is present. It receives no dues but exists on the donations from worldwide clubs such as our own. To date LCIF has awarded over 342 million US dollars to provide clinics, hospitals, vocational training, food, clothing and more to victims of natural disasters and oppression. The primary goal of LCIF is to fight blindness, particularly in undeveloped areas. In the "Sight First" program relief is provided from cataracts, trachoma, river blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. Our own club has a banner we sometimes display citing the fact we have sponsored a clinic for the treatment of blindness in India. Lately

the focus of LCIF has been to bring relief to the victims of the tsunami. The money supplied by Lionism through the LCIF topped 2.2 million dollars. Some of that has been supplied by our club. In so many of the world's relief programs administration eats up the lion's share (no pun intended) and can run to over 75%. In LCIF the administration cost total about 10.5%, an astoundingly low figure for a volunteer organization. Lions crusade against blindness was not new in 1968. Inspired by Helen Keller in 1925 Lions made blindness one of their primary concerns.

Charter Night.

It was nearly a sell-out, only a few seats left. Richard and Deborah warmed up the crowd and put on a great show again. We had guests from as far south as Milwaukee and as far East as Ottawa. An email came back from Ottawa saying how much they enjoyed the evening. One lucky thing was that there was a talent scout from the jubilee here and he has asked for Werner's phone number. Another patron was heard to say "when I heard those great tunes I suddenly discovered that I knew the words." There were many nostalgic smiles during the night as we heard that good old music. Perhaps that's an indication of the average age of the club. No need to talk about the food, it was superb as usual when Laura is in the kitchen. Dan Butler did a fine job on the dance music too. All in all wouldn't you say it was a success? Did we make any money? Don't know, maybe, but not much.

Bonspiel. Another great event. The draw was full with sixteen rinks. There were good contributions from some town businesses and some individuals. Thanks from the club. Kitchen was slow on Friday night but picked up on Saturday. Another thank you to the pie bakers - delicious. Fifty-Fifty did especially well because the Friday night draw went unanswered. We of course don't have a way of knowing the holder of the winning

ticket. But we do know the winners. A event went to Brian Wittal, and his crew. B event went to A Brooks and Co., C to Doug Luft and his rink. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

This is the time of year when there are many things going on. The charter night happens every five years and requires a lot of club members to pull it off. The bonspiel does the same and now we are looking at the annual auction. Again it will mean a call for volunteers. Trade fair will take more people - even overnight shifts and a host of ticket sellers for the playhouse, it's virtually completed, furniture still to come. After that it's show 'n' shine. Also, the first soap box derby kit has been sold. That effort will take all the club too. Lions, you're doing a tremendous job. Don't forget our motto - WE SERVE!!!

Don't forget to check your attic and basement for those used, but never used items. The Lions Auction is coming up Sat. Apr. 16 in the MP Room starting at noon. Good used, or new items will be offered for sale. Then there is the annual Trade Fair. We will have our own booth this year, just inside the door. As well as providing security for the sponsors, here is where we sell the most tickets for the playhouse. Some members have subscribed fifty bucks to pay for the booth. If you could help, see Fred.

DIDSBURY AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Up and Down the Fireman's Ladder

by Tyrone Patten

It would seem that I didn't jinx the weather last month, as I saw a couple of robins the other day, and the geese and ducks have been back for a couple of weeks. The harbingers of spring have returned.

We had five of our members attend the workshop on Meth labs the first of the month. Jimmy Rylance, Pat Dodman, Andrew Busy, Warren Steckly, and Esther Petersen attended. They learned about the different types of labs, the dangers while the meth is being cooked, what to look for, and what to do if a lab is involved in a fire.

Meth labs started in the eastern part of North America and have been moving west the last few years.

The middle of the month saw most of the members take an H2S awareness course. They not only learned the dangers of the gas, and how exposure affects your body, they also found out that industry is not the only place H2S can be found. Anywhere organic material breaks down, H2S can be found. From the local sewer system to the septic systems on the farm. All are potential hiding places for H2S.

Thank goodness we haven't been very busy this month. We responded to 4 calls since last report. They were:

MVC's - 3

Investigation - 1

All the calls were in the evening, and 7 hours were spent in the field.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Didsbury and District Fire Department and

send our thoughts and prayers to the families of Lieut. Cyril Fyfe, and firefighter Kevin Olson from the Yellowknife Fire Division. No words can express how we feel at this sad time. I would like to send this prayer in memory of all the fallen firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Firefighters Prayer
When I am called to duty, God
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save a
life, Whatever be its age. Help

me embrace a little child,
Before it is too late, Or save
an older person from, The
horror of that fate. Enable
me to be alert, To hear the
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RURAL CONTINUING CARE SERVICES

The Calgary Health Region's (the "Region") Rural Continuing Care Capacity Plan responds to a variety of health needs and supports people to continue to live in their community.

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to establish a list of interested pre-qualified parties who meet the Region's expectations and are capable of deploying and operating one or more Community of Care facilities (the "Services") within the timeframe set out in the RFQ. The locations under consideration are Okotoks, Strathmore and High River.

Interested parties with the demonstrated capabilities, experience and organizational resources to provide the Services are invited to submit written proposals through this RFQ process.

Copies of the RFQ document will be available beginning 9:00 a.m., March 29, 2005 at the address specified below. Closing date for this RFQ is 2:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) April 18, 2005.

Calgary Health Region
Corporate Business Development
10101 Southport Road, S.W.
Calgary, AB, T2W 3N2
Inquiries: (403) 943-1492
Office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Report *continued from page 4*

Other proposed changes to the Act include:

- Clarification that the all comers rule applies only to insurance for private passenger vehicles;

- Making sure insurers are members of the General Insurance Ombud Service to facilitate disputes that may occur with a driver's automobile premium;

- Outlining that insurance companies are not entitled to compensation for revenue losses caused by government's premium freeze;

- Allowing a term or condition to be put on an insurer's licence at any time during the term of the licence; and

- Permitting the Superintendent of Insurance to issue interpretive guidelines to assist with more effective regulation of the industry.

Partnership Funds Drive Rural Transportation Projects

Rural communities will benefit from \$9.75 million to be directed towards 34 transportation infrastructure projects announced today through the Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program (ICAP). The projects are designed to improve transportation infrastructure in rural communities across Alberta and increase community safety, which are ICAP priorities.

The new transportation infrastructure projects, announced on March 22, 2005, will improve overall Alberta community traffic management, public transport, commercial vehicle operations, emergency response management and vehicle safety, thereby sustaining economic growth and supporting a better quality of life for Albertans and their communities.

Featured in the announcement is the Smoky Lake County access road upgrades expected to increase tourism to nearby Hanmore Lake and Sunrise Beach. The Town of Okotoks will also implement upgrades and extensions to their pathway trail system to increase recreational opportunities. The Municipal District of Northern Lights District No. 22 will also install a bridge culvert and corrugated steel pipes along Lovlin Road.

To date, 677 projects have been announced in Alberta under this partnership program. With these projects, ICAP has exceeded its target of directing at least \$508 million in federal, provincial and municipal funding toward municipal infrastructure in urban and rural communities across the province.

In Alberta, ICAP is implemented by Western Eco-

nomics Diversification Canada and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, and is administered by a joint secretariat. The federal and provincial governments together will invest \$3.1 million toward the \$9.75 million announced today. The proponents will invest the remaining \$6.6 million.

The ICAP Management Committee approves the projects and is composed of representatives from the governments of Canada and Alberta, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C).

The Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program agreement was signed Oct. 10, 2000. Federal funding for ICAP was provided for in the February 2005 federal budget.

Amendments to Municipal Government Act give municipalities additional revenue tools

The Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005

will give municipalities additional tools for revenue generation to help them address the needs of their residents. Bill 28 was introduced in the Legislature on March 16 by Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs. The Bill proposes the following amendments to the act:

Community revitalization levy

The levy will help municipalities encourage investment and redevelopment in specific districts that need this help. With provincial approval the municipality would maintain fixed property tax assessments for all properties in a revitalization district for up to 20 years, limiting regular property taxes for school and municipal purposes from the area. However, as redevelopment occurs and the assessed value of property in the target area rises, a special levy would be collected on the increased property values. The revenue from this special levy would be put in a separate fund to repay the municipality for its infra-

structure upgrades and its other redevelopment expenditures in the target area.

Community aggregate payment levy

This will give municipalities the authority to pass bylaws to collect a levy from sand and gravel operators to help address the impacts of sand and gravel production. The maximum levy rate will be determined by Ministerial regulation.

The proposed amendment stems from recommendations of a task force involving representatives from industry and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

Crown lease assessments

This amendment will ensure consistent taxation

rules are applied regardless of the location of a Crown-leased property. As a result, business, farm and housing leases will be assessed for taxation.

However, any campground, day use area or other facility in a provincial park or recreation area operated under a facility operation or service contract will continue to be exempt from assessment.

Assessment of linear properties (telecommunications systems, electric power transmission systems, wells, pipelines, and street lighting systems).

These amendments will address current differences between the provincial assessment process for linear property and the municipal property assessment process.

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Deadline for submission is May 2, 2005 at 1:00 P.M.

Submit proposals/artwork to:
T. Dersch, Corporate Secretary,
Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73
4904 - 50 Street
Innisfail, AB T4G 1W4

For more information call Bonnie at 403-227-7070 or 1-800-561-9229. Original artwork not selected will be returned.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Minister Oberg suggests 'civil unions' be offered to gays

by Shawne Mohl

Lyle Oberg, Alberta's Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, says that if the Province can't win their right to use the not-withstanding-clause in their fight against the federal government in the legalization of same-sex marriages, maybe they should offer 'civil unions' to homosexuals.

Oberg was present at Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz's annual general meeting this past Saturday, April 2 in Olds, where he voiced his opinions and concerns.

The Tories, especially Premier Ralph Klein, has been quizzed over and over about his stance on same-sex marriage and what his party plans to do with the issue, which a large percentage of Albertans appears to be against.

The topic came up at last Saturday's meeting when Olds' resident and business owner Ed Hildebrand, asked Oberg what his government's stance is, because Hildebrand himself wants the definition of marriage protected.

"Marriage has to be kept between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others. If they want to call it something else, I have no problem with that," Hildebrand said.

Oberg, however, says that before offering homosexuals the right to have a civil union, his government is committed to pushing the not-withstanding-clause as far as they possibly can.

"I think we have to keep the not-withstanding-clause in. Even if it's a one-percent chance. But, we have to have a fall-

back position and I think that may be civil unions," Oberg said.

According to Oberg the Province's lawyers have told them that their chances of using the not-withstanding-clause in this case, will most likely be quashed. Oberg says this is why it's important for the government to have a back-up plan - civil unions.

"I am not a lawyer; I am not a constitutional lawyer. Constitutional lawyers are telling us that we can't do it. There is no problem saying in our law that we will continue to use the not-withstand clause (essentially not allowing same-sex marriage). And, if it comes to court challenge then we try it, and maybe we are going to win, maybe we are not. But, I think we also need to have a back-up plan," Oberg said.

Despite, marriage being the responsibility of the Province's if the government decides to refuse gay and lesbian couples to purchase marriage licenses, Oberg says they could get themselves into some hot water.

"The courts have said (we have to offer them (homosexuals) the opportunity to marry) because it is discriminatory to the gay couples. But, if we can provide something like a civil union, which has the same legal rights as a marriage, can we get around it? And, I think that is something that we have to take a very serious look at," Oberg added.

The Province of Quebec, according to Oberg, has done away with marriage completely and switched to civil unions completely, allowing all couples to marry.

Didsbury RCMP are investigating several car prowlings which occurred on the evening of Saturday, March 19 and early Sunday morning. Police received complaints of a single suspect on foot who had been active during the snow flurries that night on 21 Street, 14 Street and throughout the Didsbury Mobile home Park. An older Ford Tempo had a driver's window smashed out on 21 Street (nothing taken) and a truck parked in a driveway on 14 Street was entered overnight as well.

A van was also entered in the Didsbury trailer court with a small amount of change stolen as well. Indications from tracking the suspect were that the person was systematically checking the vehicles parked on the streets looking for unlocked

vehicles and those with valuables. Residents are urged to remove valuables from their vehicles at night and lock their vehicles as well as garages.

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by Tamara Collins

Saving our wetlands



Bill Windsor

The Ducks Unlimited (DU) Banquet is just over a week away, and it is a wonderful opportunity to join DU by simply buying a ticket.

"The event is open to the public," said Bill Windsor, DU Didsbury. "If you purchase a ticket you become a DU member for a year and you get a one year subscription to the DU magazine."

The event will take place on April 16th at the Carstairs Community Hall.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will

start at 7 p.m. following dinner will be the live auction with 32 items.

For those unfamiliar with DU, they practice conservation, retention, maintenance and the creation of wetlands.

"We are under the main banner of ducks, but we are really for all wild and domestic lives. We are about preserving and maintaining the wetlands," said Windsor.

Windsor explained that wetlands filter our water systems, and the run off in

spring is initially collected in these wetlands before they go into the river system.

"We are water conservationists," said Windsor. "In the past 60 years, 70 percent of the wetlands in Canada have disappeared."

The auctioneers for the night will be Greg Sanderson and Jim Crawford from the Olds Auction Mart.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets you can contact Bill at 335-9445, or go to didsburyduck.ca and fill out the on-line order form.

Sponsors for the event include Windsor Graphics, Grasse Lumber, Big Horn Bowhunters, Treehouse (from Comox, B.C.), and Wessex Game Birds.

"It is going to be a great time, last year we gave every table that came a duck call," said Windsor. "Everyone who comes get something with the DU logo on it."

2A Gas in Carstairs is contributing gas vouchers to be given away at the Banquet also.

"We want to keep our patrons happy," said Windsor.

Didsbury hosts dogsled classic

The planning has started for Didsbury's first Rosebud Run, Dogsled Classic and now the organizing committee is looking for volunteers.

The event is scheduled to take place on Jan. 7th and 8th, 2006 along the Rosebud

River east of town.

"We are looking for volunteers for fund-raising, dog handling, promotions, advertising, race day, information booths, facilities and entertainment," said Dena Wannamaker organizing committee chair.

The committee will meet once a month for planning.

"This is a one of a kind race in Alberta," said Wannamaker. "The public can see most of the race course, which is very unique and very exciting."

The race will be a four

and six sprint race and skigoining.

For more information you can soon visit didsburychamber.ca.

"We are very excited, it is going to be a great time for everyone," said Wannamaker.



Dena Wannamaker

Come to the Trade Show



Greg Poirier

This next weekend is the Didsbury Trade Show, and this is one show you will not want to miss.

"We are very excited for this year's Trade Show with the new design, the addition of 'A Taste Of Didsbury' and with the introduction of CKLJ, and the talent feature on the Tanas Stage will be incorporated in the Taste of Didsbury area," said Greg Poirier, AG Foods manager,

Chamber member. "We hope it will be a major success."

Another exciting feature at the Show is the two day Art Show, with the support of Gilded Gallery.

"We will be celebrating the centennial so people have the option of dressing in centennial times, and we will be decorating the show accordingly," said Poirier.

Sunday the infamous

Fiddlers Jamboree will take place, and you won't want to miss the Zion Youth Group pancake breakfast Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"Volunteer Village is another popular feature that showcases Didsbury volunteer organizations," said Poirier. "The Demo booth is also going to be bigger and better."

Booths are 90% sold, and

more are coming everyday.

"We are hoping to get some new people through this year," said Poirier. "There will be a special prize for the 100th person through the gate."

Poirier said without the group effort of the Trade Show committee they would not be able to put on such a great show. "Come out and see, there is something for everyone," said Poirier.

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Kuelker's Supplies is on the move

Kuelker's Supplies in Didsbury is in the middle of moving from #2, Coop Rd. to 2016 20th St. The business is moving because they believe it is a better location, with more space. They are expected to be in the new location by the end of May.

- photo by Tamara Collins

National School Run Day

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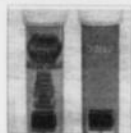
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"The first red flag is a 'tolerance' for alcohol. The person finds he has to drink more to achieve the same result. He calls this being able to 'hold his liquor' -- a status symbol around the world. In reality, it is a danger signal indicating a chemical adjustment has been made.

"Second, a person reaches a place where he doesn't want to talk about his drinking anymore. He knows he is consuming more alcohol than other people, and he wants to avoid all reference to it. This begins a process of denial that may be with him for years to come.

"Third, the person begins to experience blackouts. By that I mean that he has brief periods of amnesia that lengthen as time goes by. What is happening is that the brain's recording cells aren't remembering what is being said and done.

"Furthermore, it's a low-dose phenomenon: It happens after one or two drinks. I'm not referring to the process of being stone drunk from the anesthetic effects of great quantities of alcohol. Instead, the person thinks back on the previous night and says, 'Gee! I can't remember a doggone thing after that second drink.' It's a scary experience.

"Fourth, the person begins to notice that he can't consistently predict how much he's going to drink once he starts. To me, this is the key feature of alcoholism and constitutes the definition of the disease. It occurs when an individual is constantly drinking more than he intended because he can't help it. He sits down to have a beer and wakes up the next afternoon.

"It may be hard for people to believe, but alcoholics don't drink to get drunk. They merely want to have a drink or two. That's why they can swear they'll never get drunk again, and mean it. They have no intention of breaking that promise. Nevertheless, they sit down to have a drink with a friend and bingo, it's morning."

Let me share with you the words of Pauline, the spouse, and Bob, the alcoholic, about their experience with this family nightmare.

"I couldn't count the times Bob promised he would never drink again. That must be the most frustrating part of the experience, having Bob look me straight in the eye and tell me he's through -- really done with bingeing. He'd say, 'I've seen how it hurts you and the kids, and I've had it. I promise you that I'll never do it again!' Then in a day or two he was dead drunk. I thought he was lying to me. How could he love me and lie so many times to my face? But he wasn't lying. He couldn't keep his promise. Bob thought he could whip this problem with willpower. It's like trying to stop diarrhea by making up your mind to do so."

We asked Bob to express what he was feeling during this period of repeated failure. He said he was confused by his inability to overcome the habit. "I thought the problem might be vodka, so I switched to scotch, and then bourbon. Then I tried meditation. Nothing worked. I tried a dozen approaches to control my drinking, but I always went back to it. Then I tried covering it up. I carried a bottle of Binaca in my pocket and always had a green tongue.

"I drank for six months without Pauline ever knowing it. Every Saturday morning she would wash her hair and then sit under a noisy hair dryer for a half-hour. I could hardly wait for her to get preoccupied because I had a fifth of vodka in the cupboard. I would race in and get a can of Fresca from the refrigerator, pour half of it down the drain, and fill the other half with vodka. Then I'd drink it in front of the television set with a halo around my head. You really have to be calculating to hide a drinking problem from those you live with. This went on for months. You see, I was addicted to a drug and was completely unaware of it."

Olds Legion #105 April Notes

by Marge St. Clair

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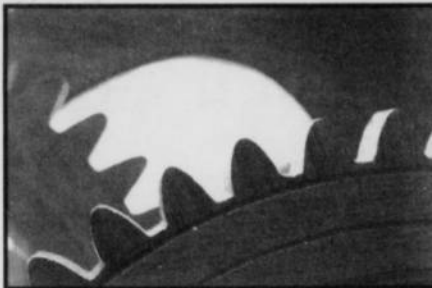
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More than Just a Trade Show!

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 17th Annual Didsbury Trade Show this coming weekend (April 9 & 10). This is one of the largest annual events in our community, and the largest Chamber event.

More and more we are hearing that our Trade Show is one the most respected trade shows by any community. "I've been asked several times what makes the Didsbury show so successful," says Co-Chair Kathleen Windsor. "I've been asked by other communities, agricultural societies, and Chambers, 'what's your secret?'," she adds, "and I'm pretty sure there's not just one answer."

Didsbury's success has a lot to do with the high profile nature of this type of event. It also has to do with timing, and location. But there is another force at work. The Didsbury Trade Show reflects the maturity and confidence of a strong team of people who work at making the event successful.

There are about ten people on the Trade Show committee - each head up their own sub-committees. We have calculated these jobs encompass approximately 420 volunteer hours. Using a minimum hourly rate of \$7.00, this equates to a donation of almost \$3,000.

And that doesn't include the volunteer hours posted by the Didsbury Lions, Scouts, grad students or 4-H Club. It doesn't include volunteer hours chocked up by Town staff, exhibitors in Volunteer Village, or other non-profit exhibitors. It doesn't include some of our entertainers, hosts, booth judges ... the list goes on and on! "Now that's an economic impact!", says Windsor.

Of course, to prepare a true economic impact report, you need statistics gathered and survey results analyzed. While that data is not available for the Didsbury Trade Show, it has been collected from other shows. Two quite different formulas both result in the same conclusion. The economic impact of the Didsbury Trade Show to the area is in excess of \$60,000! The average wage earner's annual salary is half that, and the Trade Show brings this to town in just two days!

Besides the financial benefit to our community through direct sales in lodging, food establishments, grocery or fuel purchases, and so on, the Chamber of Commerce itself contributes to the community. As with any organization, there are benefits to membership. The Trade Show provides the operating capital necessary to manage the Chamber of

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Commerce each year. In turn, the Trade Show provides the wherewithal for the Chamber to offer its members added advantage or leverage within the community. With this advantage, the members of the Chamber retain more revenues in the community, which perpetuates the economic development of tomorrow.

The quality of service extends beyond the event and into the community with a significant financial legacy that impacts not only local

and regional business, but also local government.

"The entire community has become ambassadors for our success," says Windsor. "The Chamber is proud to play a leadership role."

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**Saturday, 10 am -
LATIGO**



Latigo

Latigo is a trio whose main goal is to preserve and promote traditional and contemporary western music with a deep respect and appreciation for mountains, horses and the people who live the western lifestyle. Latigo has been performing since 1999 throughout Western Canada. Perry Jacobson, the lead singer, guitar player, poet and songwriter was raised on a ranch in southern Alberta. He was a working cowboy and rodeo cowboy for many years before joining the National Park Service where he retired a few years ago as Chief Park Warden of Banff National Park.

Jim Peace, a songwriter and multi-talented musician, plays

lead guitar, mandolin, harmonica and dobro. Jim has been playing traditional and country music in the Calgary area for the last 20 years. Jim sneaks away from his regular job every chance he gets to ride and pack in the mountains.

Graham Allen, the bass player, is the past president of the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers and past vice president of the Shady Grove Bluegrass Festival. He has been busy in the local music scene for many years.

Latigo released their first CD, "Kansas in the Fall", in June 2003 and will release the second CD, "The Drifter", in April 2005.

Latigo is committed to "Keeping it Cowboy".

**Saturday, 12 pm -
DEBRA AINSWORTH**



Debra Ainsworth

Born in Orilla, Ontario, Debra began singing at age 4. By the time she was 12, she had picked up the guitar and started writing her own music. Through her years as a young woman, Debra participated in a variety of musical competitions and festival - always ranking very high.

In 1991, Debra had a Top 40 single in Canada with "Diamonds Don't Mean Love Lasts Forever", and it reached the Top 10 overseas. Shortly after the success of "Diamonds", Debra took a break to raise a couple of boys as a single mom, and began the writing that would bring her to where she is today.

With a move to Calgary, Alberta, Debra placed third in the Ranchman's Rising Star Competition in May 2004, then began work on her new album with producer Rick Mizzoni. Rick has worked with such rising stars as George Canyon and the Cruzeros. The album is being recorded at MCC Studios in Calgary, and is slated for release this summer.

Debra did a personal tribute to Hall of Fame Inductee, Sylvia Tyson, during Country Music Week 2003, with a follow-up performance on Calgary's A-Channel morning show, "The Big Breakfast".

Debra's goal as an artist is to write as much as possible and get her songs heard by the public in hopes of having a career as a singer/songwriter.

Saturday, 1 pm - Tammy Gislason



Born and raised in Innisfail, Alberta, Tammy has been involved in the entertainment industry since the age of 5. She began her singing career singing Top 40 country, but her heart just wasn't in it. Four years ago she decided to go "back to her roots" and began yodelling and performing western swing and cowboy music. She hasn't looked back since! In March of 2002, she released her debut album, "Sunshine Cowgirl", and launched her

website ... www.tammydee.com ... both have received attention locally and internationally. Her songs have been featured on many award winning western radio programs such as JJ Bleu's, Western Swing Wednesdays, Swinging West with Mike Gross, Hugh McClellan's Spirit of the West, The Oklahoma Company Cowboy Hour, O.J. Sikes, Western Music Time, and Ken Overcasts' The Cowboy Show. In 2003, Tammy was awarded the Academy of Western Artists Rising Star of the Year award in Fort Worth, Texas. In 2004, Tammy was a Top Five Academy of Western Artists nominee for Yodeller of the Year and Western Female Artist.

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More great entertainers...

Saturday, 2 pm -
Tim Hus



Tim Hus

Although Tim Hus is a young songwriter, he writes the kinds of songs that come from experience. He's travelled a lot of miles, heard a lot of stories, and made a lot of friends along the way. He's been everything from a framer to a sawhand, a beer truck driver to a pine cone picker, a salmon farmer to a tree planter, and a cabinet maker to a well driller. And he sings about all of it.

Following his well received debut album, "Songs of Western Canada", recorded in Germany, comes the much anticipated "Alberta Crude", an 11 song collection of Canadian Cowboy Music. With spirited performances by the musicians of his Rocky Mountain band, Hus translates his dynamic live show into an engaging narrative of bullriders, firefighters, roughnecks, and rig drivers - places you leave behind and places you return to at the end of the day.

The Alberta-based singer with the black hat and easygoing personality is a captivating and crowd pleasing performer who easily draws listeners into the settings of his music.

Influenced by the likes of Stompin' Tom, Johnny Cash, and Ian Tyson, Tim has developed a style he can call his own. He is a true storyteller with his distinct brand of down-to-earth country and roots music. He has performed in many venues throughout Alberta, BC, Saskatchewan, and the Maritimes, repeatedly being asked to return. In 2002, he received a very positive response to his music while performing at Canadian exhibitions in Germany.

Tim tours and performs concerts with his band, Tim Hus & the Rocky Mountain Two, featuring Rick Preston on lead guitar and Spider Bishop on upright string bass. Preston is an extremely talented and versatile musician having played with the likes of Dave Dudley (Six Days on the Road) and Lucille Star (The Tommy Hunter Show). Solid licks and agreeable melodies reinforce the songs while Spider lays down a solid rhythm with doghouse slap and a thick groove. Tim Hus and his band will continue to perform in support of Alberta Crude with performances at festivals, folk clubs and music venues throughout Canada.

Saturday, 3 pm -
Kelsey Foat



Kelsey is an independent recording artist who performs her own music as well as other's.

Her graceful vocals will uplift your spirit. Even upon listening only once, you will know that you have discovered a true musician whose appealing sound will gratify any audience.

Kelsey began singing at age 11 in the Youth Talent Showdown at the Calgary Stampede. She enjoys all kinds of music, but country and gospel are her favourites. Kelsey plays piano, guitar, and bass guitar, and has been influenced by Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Paul Brandt, and Reba MacIntyre.

Kelsey showcased for HMG Christian Country Music Week in Nashville last year. She was named Canadian Country Music

Hall of Fame winner in the Over 18 National Finals in 2003, and Under 18 National Finals the year before. Kelsey is a Calgary Stampede Talent Search finalist, and winner of the DonWeldon Award of Excellence for most promising performer.

Kelsey's debut album, "Paint with the Colours", was recorded in Nashville and released in July of 2002. She has performed publicly at Ivan Daines' Country Music Picnic and most recently was the opening act

for Brad Johner and Aaron Prichett.

Kelsey is presently working on her second album with a new single from that album to be available for radio play by mid-summer 2005. Her wide vocal range and style delivers inspiring, down-home country values best illustrated in her version of Newton's hymn "Amazing Grace," and her fresh, new cover of Elvis' tune, "Can't Help Falling In Love With You" which is a favorite among all ages in her live performances.



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Some of many entertainers at the Didsbury Trade Show

Saturday, 4 pm - Rob Russell



Rob Russell

When Rob Russell headed out west to Alberta in 1980, little did he know he was taking the country road. A family man minding his own business driving a truck and raising daughters. The Christmas his wife Wanda gave him a guitar as a gift, his dreams of playing and singing as a boy in Newfoundland started to become

reality.

A natural musician, it wasn't long until he met other musicians who shared his natural easy style, and his band was formed. Writing and performing traditional country favourites as well as his own original compositions, he commenced his foray into the undiscovered wilderness of professional music-making.

The strength and purity of Russell's voice just shines on the 2004 release of his first single, "Can't You See", a remake of Marshall Tucker Band's hit from the '70s. Here's a man who can take a tune and make it his own, putting a contemporary spin on it for today's radio play. You've probably heard it on the Olds radio station, as have people around the world in 12 countries. The single is available on a compilation CD entitled "Fine Tuned, Alberta's Finest II", a showcase of Alberta talent.

Gigs and accolades began

to gather from rodeos and festivals to showcases and saloons. Russell's reputation as a rising country music artist continues to impact the local country music scene and beyond, as word spreads of his down-to-earth nature and easy way with a country melody.

Spring 2005 marks the long-awaited debut release of Rob Russell's first recording. The single off his self-titled CD already attracting attention is "Guardian Angel". The song captures the essence of this welcome new voice. A voice that can rock a song with power and strength, but then, with a quiet grace and rare honesty, offer up a tender tune that tugs at the heartstrings. A song destined to be sung softly by all those who fall in love with this authentic and personable truck driver - who just happens to be Alberta's next great country music export!

Saturday, 11 am - Denver Daines



Denver Daines

Denver Daines is a cowboy and musician, with an album, "The Road to Destiny", music that reflects his rural Alberta upbringing and life as professional ro-

deo cowboy. Denver has spent the last year writing songs and getting inspirations from life on the road. Denver believes his life is full of trials and tribulations that help give background to his songs.

Sunday, 1 - 4 pm - Fiddler's Jamboree

For years, the Fiddler's Jamboree has been a mainstay at the Didsbury Trade Show. A non-competitive event, about 25 fiddlers from all over the area look forward to

sharing their talents with their loyal Didsbury fans. The seats fill up quickly, so come early and enjoy your old favourites like the "Orange Blossom Special". Ken Hoo will be opening for the fiddlers at noon on Sunday.

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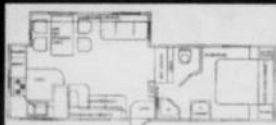
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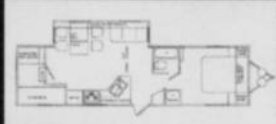


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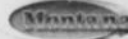
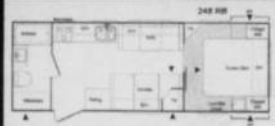
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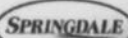
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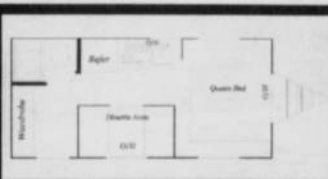
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Trade Show Through the Years

Well, it might not be 100 years old, but the Didsbury Trade Show is celebrating a birthday of its own – its 20th!

A little bit of research shows the show in 1985 didn't just showcase businesses, but also put on a pretty good entertainment package for the spectators, with a puppet show and a bobcat rodeo!

Exhibitors in the early years included Cowan & Moore Farm Equipment, Ed Nolin Chev-Olds, Don's World Travel, Franz's Welding, Mountain View Sports, Fountain Tire, RPM, the Credit Union and Treasury Branch – names still prominent in Didsbury; businesses still trade show participants. Back then, the Trade Show was called the 'June Jamboree'. "It moved from June to April for the convenience of farmers and agriculture businesses," says one-time committee member, Duke Moreau. "They are so busy in June. It proved a real success with the people."

Over the years the committees have tried lots of things to attract people. "About 1988 we started the entertainment portion," says Grant Hemming, long-time

soundman with the Trade Show. "I recall the stage being on the north bleachers at centre ice, then on the south end of the small ice with the fiddlers jamboree, the concession, and some booths."

Some attractions were bigger than others. "The year Ian Tyson was booked was a great initiative, and created fond memories," said Claude Baril, chairman of the trade show in the mid-90s. "But not very successful," adds Moreau with a smile. Duke preferred to remember the year the Calgary Stampede were in to sign autographs.

"The Kids BINGO was popular," adds Moreau, "and of course the Art Show on Saturday."

Over the years, the trade show has grown considerably. "1994 was the first year we opened up the Curling Rink for exhibits," says Baril. "We needed more space to hold Parkland Agri Services, and RVs for larger attractions."

Now the Curling Rink is home to an expanded two-day Art Show & Sale, Volunteer Village, and the demonstrations stage, introduced in 2004 as an experiment.

In the first years, booths cost

\$90, with extra charges for power, tables and chairs. In 1987, the Chamber saw a net revenue from the Trade Show of almost \$1,200 but struggled financially.

"When we became involved," says Moreau, "the Chamber was losing money. We looked after all the [trade show] bills and made sure the booth sales covered the expenses." Now the income generated from the trade show keeps the Chamber afloat, and allows for a ten-hour a week part-time employee.

"We've enjoyed working with the Trade Show," says Hemming. "It's the people who volunteer their time that makes it such a success now."

"We got a real sense of accomplishment," adds Moreau, "and learned something every year."

Greg Poirier, Co-Chair of this year's Trade Show committee agrees. "When you have a great committee, people who come with new ideas, it's a lot of fun."

Baril sums it up this way. "The whole community has embraced it. Everyone looks forward to it. A legacy has been established – a legacy for us to be proud of."

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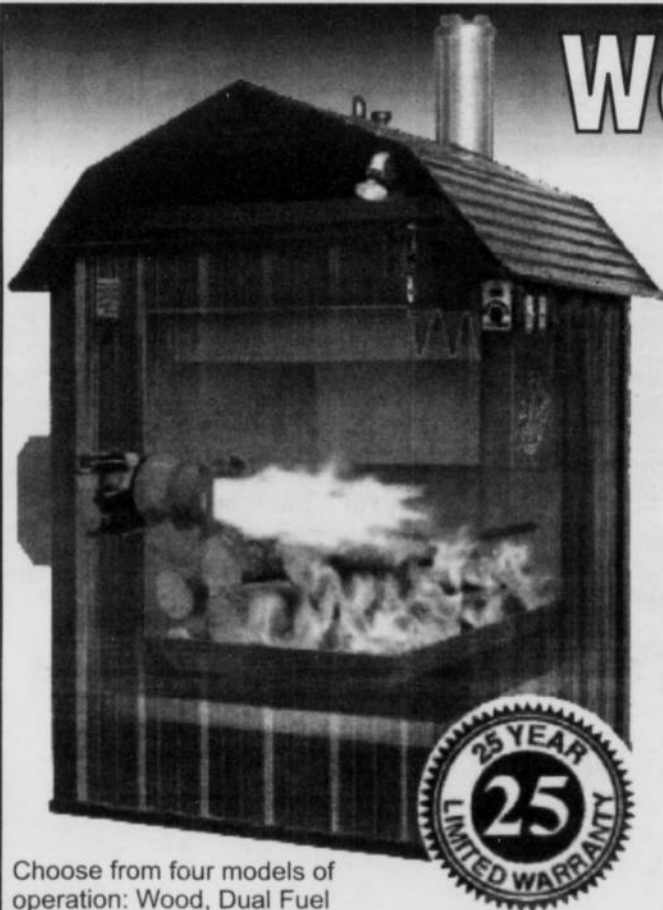
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Sports

Midget B Provincial Results



Gold Medal - Kneehill Chiefs

Silver Medal - Smoky River Rebels

Source for Sports Play SMART award - Smoky River Rebels

The Gold Medal Game was held at 5:20 on Sunday March 20th. The game ended in a 1-1 tie and had to go into overtime. 30 seconds into the overtime period the Kneehill Chiefs scored the winning goal making the final score 2-1.

The Source for Sports Play SMART award was awarded to the team that best reflected the philosophy of Play SMART by

demonstrating positive attributes both on and off the ice. The winner of this award was the Smoky River Rebels.

The tournament was a huge success and we would like to thank all of the volunteers and community sponsors for helping us make this a "Best Ever" event for all of the participants and spectators in attendance. All funds raised at this event go to the Didsbury Minor Hockey Association and allows us to continue providing the youth in our community with an affordable program and play a game that they love.

Didsbury Shintani Wado-Kai Karate Club's first grading

On Tuesday, February 22, the Didsbury Shintani Wado-Kai Karate Club held its first grading of the year. Successfully grading for their yellow belts were: Lynne Blair, Desire Hoare, Kelly Hoare, Joanne Peters and Greg Stone; and successfully grading for their orange belts were John Brazzle, Linda Greening and Heidi Voegeli. The Junior (kids) class held their first grading in December 2004.

Congratulations to all who participated! Another grading will be held in late Spring - stay tuned for results!

The Didsbury Karate Club meets every Tuesday in the Ross Ford Elementary Gymnasium and every Wednesday at the Olds Recreation Center (beside the curling rink) with classes running from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children ages 5 - 12 and from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. for anyone ages 13 and up. New members are always welcome!

Didsbury Curling Club General Meeting Mar. 29

What a great attendance, and as always, the pot luck supper was plentiful and delicious.

Pres. Herman Epp called the meeting to order and read his report, which was followed by a short discussion on a few points and a hearty round of applause.

Ric Phillips Jr. & Curtis Mousseau were then called on to present the awards for the Men's League.

A side winners were Harry Reese, Greg Reese, Barry Reese, Gary Anning.

Vice President's winners were Henry Paulgaard, Stephen Luft, Rick Winters and Iain Paton. Congratulations to all.

George van Vleit then presented the Seniors League Awards.

A Side - Jim & Bev Wilson, Everett Blain and Gerry Neumiller.

B Side - Dennis Sinclair, Vivian and Don Sager, Chris Elliot.

Carson Schultz and Garry Sherman then presented the Stick Curling League Awards (written last week). But I didn't know about the 6-ender awards to Bob Waters & Gordon Luft, and Carson & Marianne Schultz.

Lorraine Weigum reported a very positive closing balance on Nevada tickets.

Carson Schultz reported a good year on the Snowball.

Stephen Luft reported that we have a casino date in Aug. and many volunteers signed up.

The new executive is
Past Pres. - Herman Epp
Pres. - Curtis Mousseau
1st Vice Pres. - Ric Phillips Jr.

2nd Vice Pres. - Harry Reese

League Reps.
Seniors - George van Vleit
Men's - Barry & Greg Reese

Mixed - Paula Drever, Judy Cummings, Susie Rozak

Ladies - Trish Scott
Juniors - Bert Pringle and Keith Mullen

Stick - Carson Schultz, Garry Sherman, Jackie Leitch

Ice & Room Rentals - Gary Gaudette
Registration/Media - Laurel Mullen

Grants - Brian Dingman
Snowball - Wendy van Vleit

Nevada - Lorraine Weigum
Casino - Stephen Luft.



Men's League

A side- (L to R) Curtis Mousseau, Greg Reese, Barry Reese, Harry Reese, Gary Anning, and Ric Phillips Jr.



Vice Presidents Side- (L to R) Curtis Mousseau, Rick Winters, Stephen Luft, Henry Paulgaard, Ric Phillips Jr. (missing is Iain Paton).



A side: (L to R) Jim Wilson, Bev Wilson, Everett Blain, and Gerry Neumiller.



B side: (L to R) George Van Vleit, Dennis Sinclair, Don Sager, Vivian Sager, and Chris Elliot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OBITUARIES

GEE - William (Bill) Gee of Didsbury (formerly of Calgary), husband of Joyce Gee, passed away at the Didsbury Hospital March 25, 2005 at the age of 73. Bill was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He spent his life making and entertaining, many friends. He will always be remembered for his kind heart and sense of humour. He will be lovingly remembered by his children Ed (Leslie) Gee, Debbie (Jim) Bowley, Tari-Lynn (Randy) Yamniuk, Barry (Barb) Gee, Tracy (Lorne) Westman, Sheryl-Ann (David) Foran, Barb (Dana) Swigart,

Robin (Debbie) Gee and twenty grandchildren. Bill was predeceased by his son Phillip and daughter Brenda. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury with Pastor Grant Sikstrom officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to the Canadian Cancer Society. As a tribute to Bill Gee, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements.

ALLEN - Eileen Allen passed away at the Didsbury Hospital on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at the age of 80 years. Eileen was born on September 16, 1924 to Bert & Nellie Bradshaw in San Mateo, California. She was raised in Fort Macleod, Alberta where she took her schooling. She married Wilfred Allen in Fort Macleod in 1956. They lived on a farm south of Fort Macleod and raised three children, Barbara Paul, Karen Dick and Rodney. Wilfred and Eileen moved to the Sundre area in 1980 and then to the Didsbury area in 1994, where they reside on an

acreage with their oldest daughter and son-in-law. Eileen loved working with crafts and enjoyed her flower beds. Eileen is survived by her husband Wilfred, three children Barbara (George), Karen, and Rodney (Kelly) of Didsbury, five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, four sisters, and two brothers. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, April 1, 2005 at Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury. Interment followed at the Didsbury Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury.

ENGAGEMENTS

Tanner and Hailey Kaupp are pleased to announce the engagement of their mother Teena Dunn-Kaupp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gord Dunn, to Jeff Hosegood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hosegood all of Didsbury. Wedding to take place Oct. of 2005.

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The Program

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



DIDSBURY

Bridal shower

For Anne Sheridan at the 5-0 Club on April 9/05 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. More info call 335-9631

Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip

Thoroughbred Racing at Stampede Park Calgary, Wed., May 18. Cost \$35.00 includes dinner, gratuities and bus. Must have 15% of cost by April 15. Balance by May 1. Bus leaves complex at 4:00 p.m. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip

Tues. April 19/05 going to the Legislature bldgs. in Edmonton. Bus leaves 9:00 a.m. from Complex. Cost \$16.00 includes lunch. Will stop in Red Deer for supper. Your cost. Phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury

Annual General Meeting & elections on April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Library conference room. Public welcome. Phone Lee-Anne at 335-2388 for information.

DIDSBURY

Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, April 13 at the 5-0 Club at 12:30. Ham provided. Everyone welcome.

Bike Demo Competition

May 14th, Twenty 26. The local bikers are showing what they have to offer at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. You can participate too. From 12 - 5. Call 335-8303.

Didsbury Lacrosse Club Cabaret

Saturday, April 9th, 2005 at the Elks Hall. Live band: Almost Famous. Tickets available: Angela 335-5991, Brenda 335-3292 or Pat 335-8637. \$15 each or \$25/couple.

Free Family Film Night

April 8th and 9th 7:00 p.m. 2025-20th Ave Didsbury. Showing Gunther and the Paper Brigade. Small concession. For more info call 335-8132.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower for Anna Casurella (Kevin Collier) at Z.E.M.C. on Thurs., April 14 at 7 p.m.

DIDSBURY

Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip

Cash Casino in Calgary on Mon. April 11. Cost \$10. Bus leaves Complex at 10 a.m. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Didsbury RCMP Regimental Spring Ball

Sat. May 14 at MP room at Complex. Cocktails 5-6 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m., Entertainment 8-9 p.m., Grand March 9:15 p.m., Dancing 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Proceeds to STARS. Tickets available at the Didsbury RCMP detachment Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party

April 13, 2005, 9:30 a.m. at the Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome to attend.

MIDWAY

Registration Night

Midway School E.C.S. Registration night for the 2005-2006 school year. Monday April 11, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, Alberta Health Care number and land location. For further information please call Midway School at 337-2888.

ONGOING EVENTS

DIDSBURY

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Knox United Church, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-9107 or 335-9372 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for 2004-2005 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

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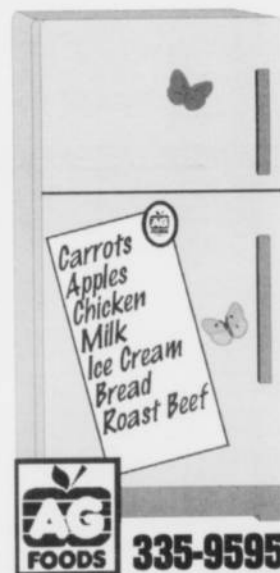
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W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

These organizations would like to thank the DIDSBURY REVIEW as well as all the LOCAL BUSINESSES advertising on this page who together make this Community Calendar possible. Your support in providing this 'free of charge' service to all non-profit organizations is greatly appreciated.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Didsbury Town Council Highlights - March 29, 2005

Council has directed Administration to work with Mr. Kivell, CAO of the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission to investigate and implement other Waste Management cost cutting initiatives.

A presentation to Luana Smith for her work on the Japanese Visit took place during the Council meeting. A thank you card and gift were presented.

Council granted the first reading of Bylaw 05-02 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw and set May 10, 2005 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers for a Public Hearing.

Council accepted the appointment of Judy Osbourne as an Alternate to Inez Kosinski on the Parkland Regional Library Board.

Council granted road closures for the Didsbury Show and Shine event taking place on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

Council also approved to provide Town of Didsbury pins and pamphlets to the registered drivers for the Show and Shine event as well as up to 8 Port-a-Potty units.

Council moved to not proceed with a Municipal Cen-

sus at this time, as there will be one in 2006 conducted by the Federal Government.

Council accepted the Banking Services Proposal from Mountain View Credit Union for the period of April

1, 2005 to March 31, 2007.

Council directed Administration to contact Assessor Frank Watson to determine a fair market evaluation on the Westerdale Building and to put it to tender.

Council directed Administration to invite the Town Square Committee to provide

more information at the May 10, 2005 Regular Council meeting.



Didsbury Golf Club

Annual Meeting

Monday, April 18 - 7:30pm

Ladies Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 20 - 7:30pm

Mens Night Meeting

Monday, April 25 - 7:30pm

All meetings are at the Clubhouse
For more information call 335-3635

WANTED

The Town of Didsbury is preparing to publish a promotional booklet describing the natural, rural beauty of our community together with the excellent recreation, health, education and professional services our town offers.

To most effectively communicate Didsbury's story we are looking for *exceptional photos* showing a strength or beauty that our community possesses.

In specific we are looking for pictures of parks, recreation activities and facilities, small town lifestyle, residential and downtown streetscapes, schools, churches and panoramic views.

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